Programme Specification

1	**Awarding body**	University of London
2	**Teaching Institution**	**Birkbeck College**
3	**Programme Title(s)**	**PG Cert Social Research**
4	**Programme Code(s)**	TPCSOCRS_C
5	**UCAS code**	N/A
6	**Home Department**	School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
7	**Exit Award(s)**	N/A
8	**Duration of Study** (number of years)	1 year full time
9	**Mode of Study**	FT PT X DL
10	**Level of Award (FHEQ)**	7
11	**Other teaching depts or institution**	N/A
12	**Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details**	N/A
13	**QAA Benchmark Statement**	N/A

14	**Programme Rationale & Aims**

- Provides a rigorous training in a range of contemporary social research methods, including quantitative and qualitative methods

Distinctive features:

- Part-time, evening, face-to-face study
- Taught by leading figures in the field

15	**Entry Criteria**

A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in a social science or other relevant subject, or relevant experience combined with an adequate academic background (subject to interview).

16	**Learning Outcomes**

On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:

- apply quantitative and qualitative methods to social research.

On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have:

- obtained a good level of competence in applying qualitative and quantitative research methods.
- developed their ability to obtain and analyse information from a wide array of sources.

17	Learning, teaching and assessment methods
	The programme consists of lectures, seminars and computer workshops. In Quantitative Methods, assessment is based on a research project submitted during the year and a final exam. In the research methods modules, assessment is based on research projects, assignments or essays submitted during the year.

18	Programme Description
	This part-time course is designed for people working in social research or cognate areas who find themselves needing a stronger grounding in qualitative and quantitative research methods. There is an emphasis on applying research techniques. Epistemological issues in designing research projects are also addressed.
	Students take four core modules throughout the academic year (60 credits).

19	Programme Structure

Part-Time programme

Year 1

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO239H7 SSPO240H7 SSPO241H7 SSPO245H7 SSPO242H7 SSPO243H7	**Four from** Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Topics in Quantitative Social Research, Experiments in Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods or Qualitative Social Research Design	60	Core

Status*

CORE – Module must be taken and passed by student: COMPULSORY – Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board; OPTIONAL – Student can choose to take this module

20	**Programme Director**	Chao-yo Cheng
21	**Start Date** *(term/year)*	Autumn 2010
22	**Date approved by TQEC**	Spring 2010
23	**Date approved by Academic Board**	Summer 2010
24	**Date(s) updated/amended**	May 2022 for 2022/3